

City Reports

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA



Dear Neighbor,

Last month, I had the opportunity to deliver a State of the City address at LaSalle Intermediate School, outlining our City's accomplishments in 2012 and laying out ambitious and exciting new goals for the coming year. I hope to briefly share with you the three main pillars of my administration's policy and how these pillars support a single, overarching vision: a safe, inclusive and well-connected South Bend.

Since taking office, my administration's first goal has been making sure the **basics are easy**. I understand many South Bend residents face a variety of significant daily challenges, whether it's putting food on the table for their children or working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Because of this, I believe it is essential to provide our residents basic services so seamlessly that they can take them for granted, allowing them to focus on the other pressing issues of life. From clean drinking water – our public works team delivered 6 billion gallons of clean water to the people of South Bend last year – to our emergency response personnel, South Bend residents deserve basic services and a peace of mind.

The second pillar of my administration's policy has been the deliverance of **good government**. Through numerous initiatives, including "Mayor's Night Out" events, an exhaustive and transparent budgeting process, and the issuance of South Bend's first Ethics Code, we have sought to make government more accessible and accountable to those it serves. By adopting a more people-focused approach, trading partisanship for partnership and using technology to better serve all residents, we are transforming our future and making South Bend a smarter, more vibrant city.

Our efforts are already turning heads. National Public Radio recently featured South Bend in a story about how to re-tool the American industrial economy, and a national publication associated with the Global IT firm Cisco Systems recently included us in their report on ten "Smart Cities" around the world.

Finally, my administration has sought to **create jobs** and put South Bend residents back to work. Times are still tough, but unemployment has fallen 2.4% over the last two years. I understand we still have a long way to go, but it is crucial we continue this momentum by focusing on economic growth and making much needed investments for the future.

It is up to all of us to write the next chapter in South Bend's story. The state of our City rests on old strength and new hope, but only by standing and working together will we make

South Bend a place we and our children can be proud of for years to come.

Sincerely,

A stylized signature of Pete Buttigieg in black ink.

Mayor Pete

River Bend Film Festival

4/3 from 7 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at Merriman's Playhouse, 1211 Mishawaka Ave. with short films and concluding with *Refuge: Stories of the Selfhelp Home*, a documentary revealing the origins of a resourceful community that over generations has brought together more than 1,000 Central European Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors under one roof.

4/4, 7–10:30 p.m., room 1001 in Weikamp Hall, IUSB. See some exciting work by the college's New Media students, plus a variety of shorts and the feature *Shot By Shot – The Magic of Moviemaking* - a short dramatic motion picture.

4/5, 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., two simultaneous screening rooms assure there is always something amazing to be seen. This year the festival presents Kids Shorts at 10 a.m. with films by and for children, followed by a puppet presentation by the incredible Roz Puppets. Indianapolis filmmaker Kate Chaplin will present her feature *Ingenue* and lead a morning workshop on women in filmmaking. In the morning and afternoon you can learn more about filmmaking, fundraising, make-up effects, and puppetry.

Saturday night's program is 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. and begins with our awards ceremony, with presentations for best films and screenplays. This is followed by the feature, *Odd Thomas*, starring Willem Dafoe and Anton Yelchin with a Q&A with Baldecchi who produced it. The evening concludes with an array of excellent short films.

See <http://riverbendfilmfest.org/> for more details.



Citywide Anniversaries

April's anniversaries will be revealed next month.
The suspense will mount as we wait....

St. Patrick's Day Fun 2013



Adopt a Pet

Artimus

Domestic Short Hair, Large Adult
Male, Pet ID: A19233975

Artie is a big, beautiful guy. He appears to get along well with others. Artie is current on his routine shots, including rabies.



Burberry

Terrier, Small, Young Female, Pet ID: A19342827.
Spayed/Neutered, Up-to-date with routine shots, Primary colors: Black, White or Cream, Coat length: Medium

Burberry is approximately one year old. She is a female terrier mix, who is very active, friendly, and well socialized. She appears to get along well with dogs and children. She is up to date on her bordatella, distemper combo and rabies vaccination.



Weekly Speed Cleaning for Germs

In the ongoing battle between you and household germs, you may think germs have the advantage. Unlike you, they can be just about everywhere at once. And when it comes down to hand-to-hand combat, you may be too rushed or tired or just have better things to do. They don't. Yet keeping household germs at bay helps keep colds, flu, and other infectious illnesses from spreading. This on-the-go cleaning guide can help you get the upper hand with germs by focusing your efforts on the places where they lurk the most.

Where the Germs Are

As a rule of thumb, any area of your home with high traffic and surfaces that get touched a lot is a germ bank. Not all germs are harmful. But where there are germ strongholds, the conditions are favorable for disease-causing viruses or bacteria to lurk. One study found the kitchen sink had more bacteria than the toilet or garbage can. The only bathroom hotspot in the study's top 10 was the toothbrush holder. Why? Toothbrush holders are often near the toilet, and flushing the toilet sends a fine spray of mist that can contaminate them. They also tend to be neglected because people focus on cleaning the toilet and more obvious germ hotspots.

Getting Started: What You Need to Kill Germs

Cleaning with soap and hot water removes dirt and grime and gets rid of some germs. Cleaning alone is usually enough for many surfaces. But you may want to disinfect areas where there are a lot of germs.

Once a week, follow these steps to wipe out more germs:

- Throw the kitchen sink strainer in the dishwasher.
- Remove and hand wash the stove knobs.
- Clean and disinfect the kitchen sink.
- Wash the toothbrush holder and wipe with a disinfecting wipe or put it in the dishwasher if it is dishwasher safe.
- Gather bathroom and bed linens without fluffing or shaking them to avoid spreading germs and dust. Wash in hot water, if possible.
- Mop the floors and vacuum carpets.
- Clean the bathroom sink, tub, and toilet.
- Disinfect computer keyboards, light switches, telephones, and remote controls with a disinfecting wipe that doesn't contain bleach. *Squeeze to remove excess moisture first. Always turn off computers before cleaning.*

You can make an inexpensive and effective disinfectant by mixing no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water. *Never mix bleach with ammonia or vinegar.* Apply it and leave on for three to five minutes, then rinse and let air dry to save time. Or dry with a clean towel. Always wear gloves and open some windows when you use products with bleach.

White vinegar or hydrogen peroxide are other effective homemade cleaners. *Never mix hydrogen peroxide and vinegar together*, however. And if you use hydrogen peroxide, test it first on an unseen surface to make sure it doesn't discolor or fade it.

taken from WebMD.com

Mom and Son Dance was a Big Success

Once a historic ballroom, the Palais Royale was transformed into an under the Sea Adventure for the 13th Annual Mom/Son Dance March 20. Blue balloon arches outlined the dance floor. The center pieces were glittery aqua fish and sea weed set on white linen table clothes with royal blue place mats. The Palais Royale Ballroom was filled to capacity. Each boy received a Sea Captain's hat at registration. Free photos



were part of the package donated by The Music Machine and Fun Zone photo booths. The crowd was entertained by Paul Chamberlin who owns and operates "The Music Machine" D.J. service. The refreshments were punch and cookies. Mom's arrived in every thing from long formal gowns to khakis and boys from Octopus costumes to tuxedos. Each young man was handed an Under the Sea gift bag.

Much credit and thanks goes to the park staff and volunteers for making this elegant event run so smoothly and **Dennis Andres**, who helped make the location available.

submitted by **Paula Garis**



Employees' Corner

Administration & Finance

Congratulations to **Sue Gerlach** for winning the Department's Penguin Award for March! Sue was nominated for her work with the Common Council getting them set up with their iPads.



Code Enforcement

Help us welcome our new director, **Shubhada Kambli**. Prior to working with the City, she worked on energy issues at the state, local, and federal levels of government. During this time, she built multiple environmental initiatives, including an ENERGY STAR program for the US Environmental Protection Agency that improved the efficiency of local facilities in more than 150 cities and towns in New England.



As a consultant and deputy project manager for the Cadmus Group, Shubhada co-led a \$1 million effort to gather and analyze energy building data for the State of Arkansas. A former AmeriCorps volunteer, Kambli also worked with local academic institutions and private sector organizations to create an energy education program for underserved students in Boston.

She is a graduate of Tufts University, with a joint Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Environmental Health) and Urban Planning. Shubhada also earned a master's degree from Harvard University in urbanism, landscape, and ecology.

Environmental Services

We are Proud of you **Kim Thompson**. It all started last year with the "walk a mile daily" Wellness Challenge. Kim got right to it. Then the City offered "Weight Watchers." Once again, Kim jumped at the chance. When the Step Challenge began she just had to go for the cheetah, demanding 12,000 steps daily. On any given day during lunch, you'll see Kim truck-



before & after

ing down Riverside Drive at a fast gait. With this said from beginning until now, she has lost 40+ pounds and is still at it. Kimberly you are an inspiration to us all. We are proud of you!

submitted by
Martha Randall

Mayor's Office

Cherri Peate is the new Director of Community Outreach. A native of South Bend and a graduate of Washington High School, Cherri is a dedicated public servant whose passion is to serve her community. She received her Bachelor of Arts IUPUI in Sociology, a Certificate of Completion in Program for Management: Community and Voluntary Services at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland, and a Master of Science in Public Service Management from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.



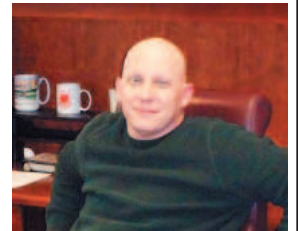
Cherri has received professional training in the areas of social media, branding, fundraising, Victim-Offender Reconciliation Mediation, sustainability and innovation, policy design and program evaluation. Her professional work experience includes Project Director, Consultant, Statistician, Researcher, and Volunteer Coordinator.

She is a board member at IU South Bend's Center for a Sustainable Future, a member of the Young Professionals Against Poverty (YPAP) at the Center for Homeless and an active volunteer at IU South Bend's Civil Rights Heritage Center at The Natatorium.

We are happy to have her join the Team!

Street Department

Paul South, our new Director, comes from the Michigan DOT where he worked for the past 12 years. He managed highway operations in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties. Prior to that, he spent several years working as a consultant for various local engineering firms.



He grew up in the Detroit area, met his wife while attending Purdue University, and settled in the South Bend area after serving in the US Army in Kuwait, Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Hood, Texas. "South Bend has been a great place to raise a family. The City and community has given so many opportunities to me and my family; I'm honored to have the opportunity to give back to this rare City."

Healthy Benefits Quarters

Quarter 1 : January 1-March 31

Quarter 2: April 1-June 31

Quarter 3: July 1-September 30

Quarter 4: October 1-December 31

Quinoa with Pears, Spinach & Chickpeas

Quinoa is a nutritious grain that is tasty and easy to use.

- 1 cup organic quinoa
- 2 good handfuls baby spinach leaves
- 1 large ripe pear, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup chilled chick peas, rinsed, drained
- 2 tablespoons parsley, fresh chopped
- 1 handful pecans, pan toasted and salted
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons golden balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- sea salt

First cook your quinoa. Place the quinoa in a saucepan or a rice cooker. Add 2 cups fresh water and a pinch of sea salt. Cover and cook on a low simmer until all the water is evaporated and the quinoa is tender- roughly 20 minutes. Fluff with a fork and dump it into a large salad bowl.

Add the baby spinach, pear, chick peas, and chopped parsley to the quinoa and fluff.

Whisk together the virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and maple syrup. Pour on the vinaigrette and toss gently to coat.

Season the dish to taste with sea salt and ground pepper.

Just before serving, add the toasted pecans and lightly combine. Yields: four main servings, six side dish servings.

If you are making this salad ahead of time, I suggest you make the quinoa, fluff, and add the dressing while it is warm. When it cools to room temperature, add in the spinach, chick peas and parsley; toss, cover and chill. Before serving add the pears, and toasted pecans. Taste test and add more seasoning if needed.

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A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome

February 2013

Robert Burch Animal Control
Terrilyn Douglas..... Water Works
Chris Fielding..... Department of Community Investment
Luis Salazar Police Communications
Anthony Scott.....Parks Department
Paul South..... Street Department

Resignations

February 2013

Cynthia Reeves Water Works (2 yrs 8 months)
Erik Williams..... Water Works (10 months)

Holiday Pear Pecan Salad

- 1/2 cup pecan pieces, or walnut pieces
- 3 diced pears such as red Bartlett or Anjou, ripe but still crisp
- 1 large crisp apple, like Granny Smith or Fuji, diced
- 1 1/2 cups celery, sliced on a diagonal
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries, or dried cherries
- 1/3 cup Apple Cider Dressing, instructions below

Dressing: blend 1 1/2 tablespoons of maple butter (at room temperature) with 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, and then stir in 1/4 cup apple cider.

For salad: To toast nuts, add to small nonstick frying pan and cook, stirring often, over medium heat until lightly brown and fragrant. Set aside to cool. Put diced pears and apples, sliced celery, and dried cranberries in a bowl. Add apple dressing; toss gently. Sprinkle toasted nuts over the top and serve.

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Change of Pace

February 2013

Jonathon Davis From Superintendent II (Sewer) to Superintendent III (Streets)
Jeff Grzegorek Parks from Athletic Field Maintenance to Group Leader - Recreation
Aaron Miller Police Communications from Communications Specialist II to Communications Specialist III
Bill Pelletier From Superintendent II (Streets) to Superintendent III (Sewer)
Greg Thompson Parks from Arborist-Weed Control to Arborist I

Retirements

February 2013

Robert Sudrovec Fire (23 yrs 1 mo dedicated service)
Gary Wlodarski..... Parks Dept. (37 yrs 4 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events contact:

CENTURY CENTER	9711
S.B. REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART	9102
MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	9190
PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT	299-4765
NOTRE DAME	631-5031
ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK	288-3472
NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY	235-9664
ST. JOE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS	291-4870

Century Center

- 4/3, 10, 17, 24
Rotary Club of South Bend
- 4/4, 11, 18, 25 Kiwanis Club of South Bend
- 4/5 Zamora Entertainment
- 4/5-6 River Bend Film Festival
- 4/7, 14, 21, 28
New Life Deliverance Church Service 10am
- 4/12-14 Great Lakes Cat Enthusiasts
- 4/13 MFL Fight Night
- 4/20 Family & Baby Fair
- 4/20 Xpanding Horizons Xpo – Body, Mind & Spirit
- 4/25 Great Friends of the Schools Luncheon
- 4/26-27 Star Martial Arts Taekwondo Tournament
- 5/11, 8, 15, 22, 29
Rotary Club of South Bend
- 5/12, 9, 16, 23, 30
Kiwanis Club of South Bend
- 5/15, 12, 19, 26 New Life Deliverance Church Service 10am
- 5/116 Age of Excellence Awards
- 5/125 Starlite Ball / Danceport on the Plaza

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 4/6 British Heritage
- 4/9 Celtic Woman "Believe"
- 4/13 Comedians: Gary Owen, Lil Duval & Michael Blackson
- 4/27 German Heritage
- 4/28 Brian Regan Live in Concert
- 5/8 Ted Nugent at Club Fever (tickets at the Morris)
- 5/8-19 Wicked

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April Home Games

- 4/4-7 Bowling Green Hot Rods
- 4/8-10 Dayton Dragons
- 4/16-18 Fort Wayne Tincaps
- 4/22-24 Great Lakes Loons

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